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THE INDIAN PRESS REPORTS THAT MOST PUBLIC CRITICISM OVER THE POISON GAS LEAK IN BHOPAL HAS BEEN DIRECTED AT THE INDIAN MANAGEMENT OF THE UNION CARBIDE SUBSIDIARY AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN NEW DELHI FOR INADEQUATE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND RELIEF MEASURES. THE MADHYA PRADESH STATE GOVERNMENT HAS FILED A CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE SUIT AGAINST THE SUBSIDIARY.

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